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SUBJECT: INFORMAL US/FRG POLICY PLANNING TALKS

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON JOETZE, DEPUTY TO FRG FONOFF PLANNING STAFF CHIEF BLECH, BY DEPARTMENT OFFICER (KORNBUM, EUR/CE) AND EMBOFF, JOETZE REFERRED TO SEPTEMBER 25 MEETING AND LUNCHEON WITH S/P DIRECTOR LORD AND MENTIONED THAT A PRIMARY TOPIC BLECH WOULD BE RAISING WOULD BE A SUGGESTION FOR BILTERAL PLANNING TALKS. BLECH WILL SUGGEST THAT, IF LORD ATTENDS THE DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, HE MIGHT PROCEED TO BERLIN FOR THE WEEKEND, CALL ON MAYOR AND, IF DESIRED, US OFFICIALS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, PROCEEDING TO BONN THAT EVENING FOR JOINT TALKS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF US AND FRG PLANNING STAFFS DECEMBER 16 AND 17. THE GERMANS WILL, OF COURSE, BE OPEN TO OTHER DATES FOR SUCH TALKS, ALTHOUGH THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER WOULD BE BAD BECAUSE THEY WILL BE HAVING BILATERAL TALKS IN TOKYO. JOETZE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE FRG PARTICIPANTS IN THOSE TALKS ALSO HOPE TO MAKE A ONE DAY STOP IN PEKING.

2. AS JOETZE HAD RAISED BLECH-LORD MEETING, WE ASKED  
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WHETHER THERE WERE ANY OTHER TOPICS BLECH MIGHT BE

RAISING. JOETZE ASSUMED HIS INTEREST WOULD BE  
PRIMARILY IN THE TOPICS NOW UNDER STUDY IN THE FRG  
PLANNING STAFF -- A SUBJECT WE HAD COVERED IN EARLIER  
CONVERSATION (SEE BELOW).

3. ACCORDING TO JOETZE, THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING STAFF  
HAS VARIED DEPENDING UPON THE RELATIONSHIP OF ITS CHIEF  
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. BLECH'S PREDECESSOR WAS A  
CLOSE CONFIDANT OF THEN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL AND  
THEREFORE PLANNING STAFF PAPERS TENDED TO BE BRIEF  
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH NOT MUCH ARGUMENTATION  
REQUIRED. BLECH, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS RESPECTED BY  
GENSCHER BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS REPUTATION AS  
A DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT OFFICIAL, EARNED WHILE HE WAS  
HEAD OF THE EAST-WEST RELATIONS DIVISION IN THE  
FONOFF. GENSCHER IS A VORACIOUS READER, AND THE PRESENT  
OUTPUT OF THE PLANNING STAFF IS ACCOMPANIED BY FULL  
DOCUMENTATION AND ARGUMENTATION. JOETZE SAID THE  
PLANNING STAFF ATTEMPTS TO STAY AWAY FROM HIGHLY  
OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND TO CONCENTRATE ON LONGER  
RANGE PROBLEMS -- THOSE LIKELY TO BE TOPICAL NOT  
A YEAR HENCE, BUT TWO OR THREE MONTHS HENCE. HE  
MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING MAJOR AREAS IN WHICH PLANNING  
STAFF STUDIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

-- NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS AND THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER  
DIALOGUE;

-- RESOURCES PROBLEMS;

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-- SOVIET ATTITUDES AND RELATIONS IN THE POST-CSCE  
PERIOD;

-- NON-PROLIFERATION;

-- EUROPEAN UNION (INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF KEEPING THE  
"GERMAN OPTION" OPEN'; AND

-- MBFR.

SOME OF THESE, HE ADMITTED, ARE ALSO OPERATIONAL AND  
THEREFORE THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF HAS LESSER INPUT  
TO MAKE; THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE MBFR AND  
SOVIET RELATIONS ITEMS.

3. AS MANY OF THE ITEMS ON WHICH BLECH AND HIS STAFF  
ARE WORKING PARALLEL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO S/P,  
EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THAT DIRECTOR LORD'S COMMENTS  
WOULD BE MOST USEFULLY DIRECTED AT SOLICITING  
FRG SUPPORT FOR THE US POSITION ON THESE TOPICS.  
(JOETZE CONFIDED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN ITS EARLIER  
STUDY ON THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE, THE PLANNING  
STAFF HAD RECOMMENDED AGAINST RESUMPTION OF THE  
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